

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating hydrocephalus in an animal or a human, comprising ~~the step of intraventricular administration of administering~~ intraventricularly a pharmaceutical composition comprising hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) to an animal or human in need thereof.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the HGF is human recombinant HGF.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is at least one selected from the group consisting of a carrier material, diluent, excipient, wetting agent, buffering agent, suspending agent, lubricating agent, adjuvant, vehicle, and material for delivery system.

7. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a carrier material for administering the HGF into a route of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).